

Visual Weapons of Mass Deception

A case study in the (Political) Rhetoric of the TV- and
Video Camera:

Colin Powell's UN Speech Feb. 3rd 2003

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Illustrations to follow:

1. Point of view, framing the appearance of the politician on TV
2. Setting the stage, historical background
3. Visual “evidence” - now seen as ridiculous deception
4. Re-mediation - Re-circulation - Bricolage

1) Point of view and framing:



Hans Blix, March 7, 2003

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IImVN1dmGuY>



Colin Powell, Feb. 5, 2003

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt5RZ6ukbNc>

Same place and issue: Weapons of Mass Destruction?



October 25th, 1962 – the Cuban crisis, Adlai Stevenson in the UN.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBEowra3500>

Chemical Munitions Stored at Taji

2/5/03

18 Nov 2002



15:15 / 1:16:19

Visual evidence...

Sanitization of Ammunition Depot at Taji

2/5/03



15:55 / 1:16:19



Pre-Inspection Al Fatah Missile Removal 2/5/03
Al-Musayyib Rocket Test Facility

10 Nov 2002



18:25 / 1:16:19

Visual evidence....?



27:20 / 1:16:19

Mobile Production Facilities For Biologic 2/5/03



31:20 / 1:16:19

Visual evidence?
Well, what 5 year old kid could
not draw this on a lap-top?

Mobile Production Facilities For Biologic 2/5/03



32:17 / 1:16:19



Visual proof? Some airplane...?

Logical proof? No, "Denial & Deception" is a begging of the question (are there WMD?):

Premise 1: Saddam denies

Premise 2 (tacit, presupposed): We know they are there

Conclusion: Deception (He is lying)



YouTube May 4th, 2017 search result for for "colin powell 2003 un speech" 3rd hit/entry



Collin powell vial of anthrax Iraq war lies

monkeyt033

4 years ago • 31,055 views

<https://www.youtube.com/results?sp=SADqAwA%253D&q=colin+powell+2003+un+speech>



Putin on WMDs - Colin Powell lied at the UN

Inessa S • 43 t visninger • for 2 år siden

To fully understand this video, you would have to unlearn most things you think you know about sanctions, the war in Ukraine ...



Gen. Colin Powell - "I Tried To Avoid This War."

FORA.tv • 100 t visninger • for 11 år siden

Complete video at: <http://fora.tv/fora/showthread.php?t=1452> Former Secretary of State Colin Powell responds to critics who claim ...

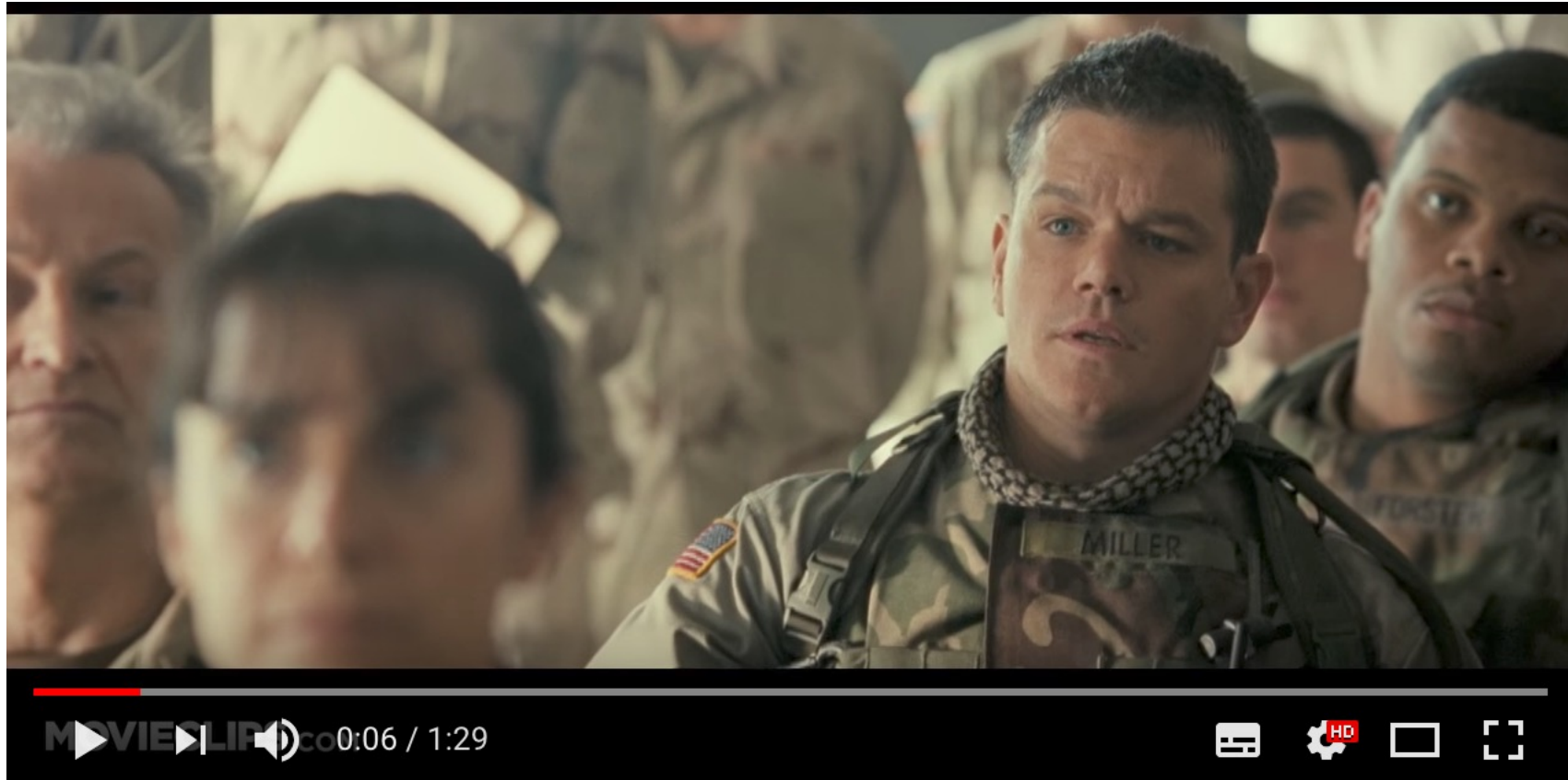


Colin Powell Saying He Was Misled Before UN Speech on WMDs

LiberalViewer • 118 t visninger • for 12 år siden

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell, appearing on the June 10, 2007, edition of "Meet The Press," reiterated and expanded on ...

Still reviewing....



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1668qPavto>

Thank you!

See more material on my web-page:

<http://www.henrikjuel.dk/>



*The Ethos and the Framing
– a Study in the Rhetoric of the TV camera*

How to understand Film, Video, and TV

Defining Documentary Film

Critical Analysis of Visual Communication

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